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Name: MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT, SAN DIEGO, CA RTR, 3D RTBN/**AKA:****Social Security Number:****Context:** Impersonal Title**Date of Birth:****State of Birth:****Country of Birth:** US - United States of America**Case Number:** 20JUN1228MD0270**Dossier:****DCII INDEX CODE:**
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☐ **No** Polygraph Examination Conducted☐ **No** Sexual Offender Registry Completed☐ **No** Finger Prints Submitted to Code 23C2☐ **No** Final Disposition Report to FBI**CIS -** _____ / _____☐ **Closed Status** ☐ **Dup Title** ☐ **Dup CCN**

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION (ONLY)

20JUN12

SPECIAL INQUIRY

CONTROL: 20JUN12-28MD-00270-7XMA/C

I/MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT, SAN DIEGO, CA, RTR, 3D RTBN/ ALLEGATIONS OF DRILL
INSTRUCTOR MISCONDUCT WITHIN PLT 3269, M CO

COMMAND/3D RTBN, RTR, MCRD, SAN DIEGO, CA/34120

MADE BY (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR, MCRD SAN DIEGO, CA

CASE SUMMARY

1. Investigation was initiated on 20Jun12, after Pvt (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Plt 3269, M Co, 3rd RTBn, RTR, MCRD, San Diego, CA disclosed the term "fireballs" when describing a hygiene process conducted on recruits by drill instructors. Pvt (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) further related the term "fireball" was in reference to when a drill instructor stands in front of a recruit and utilizes a burning cotton ball soaked in rubbing alcohol to singe stubble off of a recruit's facial area. Exhibit (1) pertains. This investigation is closed.
2. On 20Jun12, Maj (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Executive Officer, 3D RTBn, RTR, MCRD, San Diego, CA related he would request a command inquiry into the allegations.
3. On 20Jun12, LtCol (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Commanding Officer, 3D RTBn, RTR, MCRD, San Diego, CA was apprised of this investigation.

STATUTES

(1) ARTICLE 134 - UCMJ DISORDERLY CONDUCT: BRING DISCREDIT

EXHIBIT(S) - ATTACHED

(1) STATEMENT OF PVT (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) 20JUN12

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STATEMENT OF: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) /PVT USMC
CCN: 20JUN12-28MD-00269-4BMA TIME: 1136 DATE: 20JUN12
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I, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) make the following statement to Agent (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) whom I know to be a Criminal Investigator for the United States Marine Corps. I make this statement of my own free will, without any threats or promises extended to me. I give this statement understanding that it is in regards to Fireballs (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) For the purpose of identification, I am a (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) male; I am about (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) inches tall and weigh about (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) pounds. I am currently a recruit assigned to Plt 3269, M Co, 3D RTBn, RTR, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, CA (MCRDSD), whose home of record is (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) I currently have a no Security Clearance (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) On June 18, 2012, we woke up and counted off, got dressed, made our racks, went to chow. We came back to the squad bay and brushed our teeth, cleaned our ears, and shaved. There were three drill instructors there that day. I think the Senior Drill Instructor was inside the duty hut. One of the Drill Instructors had us line up I am not sure which one. I do know that Drill Instructor Sgt (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) was there that day and he was the Drill Instructor who took a cotton ball and placed it on the end of a hanger, soaked the cotton ball in alcohol, set it on fire, and waved it 2" in front of my face, going over the outline of my face where hair normally grows. I went into the squad bay and continue to clean up till everyone was finished. Then I went into the squad bay and prepared for drill by setting up the "mini-grinder" and "popping sticks". The drill instructors will turn on the music to relax and get ready to drill. As I left the squad bay I was given a squirt of mouthwash (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

The following questions were asked of me by Agent (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and I have provided the following answers.

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Q: How many times have you participated in the fireball?

A: Twice Sir.

Q: Were you given a choice to participate?

A: This recruit was not listening, and so I really don't know (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

PAGE 1 OF 3 INITIALS (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

ENCLOSURE (1)

STATEMENT OF: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) /PVT USMC
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(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Q: Have you ever seen the third drill instructor before?
A: Out and about, but not really.
Q: Did he wear a drill instructor cover or a soft cover?
A: Drill instructor cover.
Q: What kind of belt did he wear?
Q: He didn't wear a belt.
Q: Have you or any of the other recruits been burned?
A: No sir. Not that I know of.
Q: Did you feel you were in danger of being burned?
A: No sir.
Q: Were told to line up in front of the drill instructors after you shaved?
A: Yes sir.
Q: Did Sgt (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) ask you if you wanted a fireball?
A: No sir.
Q: Did anyone ever say they did not want to participate?
A: No sir.
Q: What did you think when you first heard of "fireballing"?
A: I thought it was cool.
Q: How did they introduce "fireballing"?
A: I don't remember. I wasn't paying attention. It was the same day as initial drill, and I asked another recruit what is that for? The recruit replied with something about a "fireball" and how I never pay attention.
Q: How were you treated today at CID?
A: Alright.
Q: Is there anything you would like to add to your statement?
A: No Sir. ////////////////////////////////////END OF STATEMENT////////////////////////////////////(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

I have read the above statement as it was typed by Agent (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
We have discussed its contents in detail. I have been given an opportunity to make corrections, additions or deletions and have placed my initials at the beginning and end of each paragraph.
This statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

DATED: 20Jun12 TIME: 1731

Subscribed and sworn before me this 20th Day of June, 2012, at the Criminal Investigations Division, MCRD San Diego, CA.

STATEMENT OF:

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

PVT USMC

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(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Agent, USMC

Auth: Article 136(b)(4), UCMJ